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CUO signs MoU with COATS for Tribal research and Development

The Central University of Odisha (CUO), Koraput and the Council of Analytical Tribal Studies (COATS), Koraput signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) today the 19th Day of February, 2022 for next three years to collaborate on issues of research and development concerning tribals and tribal areas of Odisha especially the undivided district of Koraput. On behalf of the CUO Dr. Asit Kumar Das, Registrar and on behalf of the COATS Dr. P.C. Mohapatro, Director signed and exchanged the MoU in the presence of CUO Vice-Chancellor in-Charge Prof. S.K. Palita and COATS Professor Jagabandhu Samal on the dais and officials and faculty members of both the institutions. Prof. Palita expressed interest in the MoU to work in focused areas of social sciences, biodiversity, and journalism and highlighted its role in promoting the development of the marginalized sections of the society. He said "in the recent NITI Ayog survey Koraput has been placed as the number one/or most improved aspirational district of the country in the field of Education. The culture, the traditions of the tribals need to be maintained and their economic status needs to be improved. However, increasing deforestation and depletion of natural resources is a case concern in the era of climate change. The signing of MoU is need of the hour in which both the institutions jointly support each other for the benefit of the Koraput region and specially for tribals life and livelihood".

This is the renewal of the earlier MoU signed between the two premier institutions of academic excellence for the period 2017-2020 on the basis of which they cooperated in promoting mutual academic interest, providing expert support for tribal welfare and community development, undertaking collaborative research, exchanging academic information and resources and using academia infrastructure and organizing lectures, conferences and seminars. Dr. P.C Mohapatro hoped that this renewed of MoU will help to promote the language, literature, art, culture and livelihood of tribals.

Registrar Dr. Asit Kumar Das was highly optimistic of signing of MoU and promised that CUO will do its mighty to redefine areas of academics, make inroads into new frontiers and earn a new name for the Koraput region. Prof. Jagabandhu Samal of COATS stressed the importance of MoU in upholding joint leadership and promoting hard work for documenting tribal heritage and culture in his address. The meeting ended with a formal vote of thanks by CUO PRO Dr. Phagunath Bhoi.

Other luminaries present in the meeting included Members of CUO faculty and officials Dr. Kapila Khemundu, Dr. J.K. Nayak, Dr. Debabrata Panda, Finance Officer Shri K.K. Rao, Sri Sudhakar Patnaik, Shri Manas Das and members of COATS faculty and officials Bar Council President Ajit Ku. Patra, eminent writers Dr. Narayan Panda, and Sri. Umakanta Dash, Dr. Rabi Patra, Dr. P. K. Behera, Dr. N.K. Rath, Sri. G.N. Pradhan, Sri A.K. Nanda, Sri. Santosh Ku. Panda, Dr. Suvendu Padhi, Former DAV College Principal, Dr. J.K. Mohanty and Dr. S.S. Padhi , Finance officer of COATS and many more.

Dr. Phagunath Bhoi, Public Relations Officer